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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

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1. REVIEW OF IFI AND AID LOANS ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS  
(LOU)

A SECOND MEETING OF THE STAFF WORKING GROUP OF THE INTER-  
AGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PRE-  
PARATORY TO A FULL MEETING OF THE IGHRFA ON FEBRUARY 27  
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TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY 13. THE AGENDA INCLUDED 47 IFI LOANS  
AND OVER ONE HUNDRED AID LOANS OR GRANTS. IN A TWO-AND-A  
HALF HOUR SESSION THE WORKING GROUP, WITHOUT DISCUSSION,  
RECOMMENDED THAT TWO LOANS FOR THAILAND BE PLACED ON THE  
CONSENT CALENDAR WHERE THEY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED  
BY THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP. (THESE ARE IFC LOANS FOR A

CARBON BLACK PRODUCTION FACILITY AND FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SCALE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.) HA/HR DID NOT CHALLENGE TWO LOANS TO INDONESIA (BUKIT ASAM COAL MINE, IBRD; SMALL

ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT, IDA) BUT INSISTED THAT THESE NOT GO ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR BUT BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. HA/HR ALSO MAINTAINED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN SOUTH KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES NECESSITATE CONSIDERATION OF TWO LOANS FOR THE FORMER (RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE II, IBRD; AND RAILWAYS VI, IBRD) AND THREE FOR THE LATTER (EDUCATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IBRD; NISIP II IRRIGATION, IBRD; AND PDFC, IBRD) BY THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP. WE WILL BE SENDING UP A STRATEGY PAPER FOR THE FEBRUARY 27 MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK.

## 2. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS - REACTIONS (LOU)

JUDGING FROM REPORTS SENT IN BY OUR EMBASSIES OVERT OFFICIAL REACTION IN EA COUNTRIES TO RELEASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS HAS GENERALLY BEEN MUTED. IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES THE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH LITTLE OR NO COMMENT. SOME OF THE COMMENT WAS EVEN FAVORABLE, E.G., A JAPANESE OFFICIAL FOUND THE REPORT "UNOBJECTIONABLE" AND A MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL FOUND IT "FAIR AND OBJECTIVE". HOWEVER, THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT MADE CLEAR ITS DISPLEASURE WITH THE REPORT - BUT AT A LOW LEVEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KOREAN REACTION WAS MILD. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL POINTED OUT SOME "FACTUAL INACCURACIES" TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PARTS OF THE REPORT. THE STRONGEST REACTION CAME FROM THE PHILIPPINES GOVERNMENT, WHOSE EMBASSY HERE SENT IN A SEVEN PAGE REBUTTAL (COVERED IN THIS WEEK'S EA/PHL STATUS REPORT). WHILE OVERT REACTIONS IN EA TO RELEASE OF THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY MODERATE, STRONG OPINIONS UNDOUBTEDLY EXIST AT DEEPER LEVELS IN MANY QUARTERS.

WE ARE COLLABORATING WITH EA/P ON A TELEGRAM TO THE FIELD ANALYZING US PRESS COVERAGE OF THE REPORTS AS IT RELATES TO EA.

## 3. DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SPEECH (LOU)

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DELIVERED A SPEECH ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY 13. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AN EARLY VERSION OF THE SPEECH AND DID SO. COPIES OF THE SPEECH WILL BE SENT TO THE FIELD FOR BACKGROUND.

4. REFUGEE HEARINGS (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE HEARINGS ON OUR LONG TERM APPROACH TO INDOCHINESE RE-

FUGEES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY BY CONGRESSMAN JOSHUA EILBERG  
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 22 AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE WHITE HOUSE. VANCE

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